

CHURCHVILLE, CRESWELL, FOUNTAIN GREEN COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

Board Attendees: Donna Mandl, Thomas Norris, Lawrason Sayre, Jay DuBree and Linda Stine Flint

- I. The meeting minutes for the October 2015 Advisory Board Meeting were approved (motion by Tom Norris, seconded by Lawrason Sayre).
- II. Sheriff's Office Update- Captain Donald Givden, Southern Precinct Commander gave a brief report on criminal activity in the advisory board area. Captain Givden also presented an updated report on heroin overdoses and deaths in the County from January 1, 2015-November 2015. There were 176 heroin overdoses – 24 fatal and 152 nonfatal. Most of the fatalities are in the Rt. 40 and Rt. 24 corridors. By demographics most are white males, aged 18-29.

Most major crimes are down in the area. In the last 30 days the top three areas for calls (66 calls were reported) were: alarm calls, suspicious incidents, and animal complaints. During the reporting period there were three road crashes in the area.

Tom Norris provided additional, specific information on the speeding bus on Prindle Drive that was reported at the October meeting.

Additional information was reported on traffic incidents regarding cell phone use while driving. Year to date there have been 600 citations and 500 warnings in the County. Texting while driving, which is harder to police and enforce, resulted in 48 citations and 10 warnings. The Sheriff's office planning on a campaign in schools in the future on no talking, no texting while driving.

- III. Presentation –Karen Winkowski, Harford County Department on Aging gave a presentation on the available services at the Department on Aging. The County maintains six senior centers servicing primarily residents aged 55 and over. Most centers are open 8:30 am-3:30 pm, 5 days a week. Ms. Winkowski provided information on the following:

1. Long Term Planning
2. Health Screenings and Programming, including fitness programs
3. Health Insurance (Medicare) Enrollment
4. Nursing Home Complaints- the Department works closely with the State of Maryland Long Term Care Ombudsman program to resolve such complaints.
5. Public Guardianship Program

- IV. Agency/Official Reports-Cynthia Lince, representing County Council President Slutzky's Office provided an overview of legislation under consideration by the County Council. Discussion ensued on two measures: Bill 15-035, changing the zoning requirements for electronic signs on agriculture property, and Bill 15-036, changing the requirements of Mixed Office (MO) zoning.

The Board voted to send a letter to the Council and County Executive opposing Bill 15-035 (motion by Tom Norris, second by Linda Stine Flint)- unanimous vote.

Representatives from Friends of Harford County requested the ability to address the Board regarding Bill 15-036. Florian Svitak and Morita Bruce addressed the Board. Bill 15-036 and MO zoning designation currently impacts only one area in Harford County – known as the James Run project, a parcel of land at Rt. 543 and I-95 across from Creswell Road. The current MO designation allows for primarily business development with a minority of retail and transient housing, i.e. hotels. The proposed change would allow for up to 55% permanent residential housing and up to 35% retail space. The Board discussed the proposed legislation in detail and voted to send a letter to the County Council and County Executive opposing the legislation or, in the alternative, requesting the legislation be tabled to allow for the proposed changes to be addressed through the Master Plan process currently underway (motion by Jay DuBree, second by Tom Norris)- unanimous vote.

Andrew Tress reported on County Agency updates. A new Community Advisory Board website has been launched. Andrew requested Board members and community members try the CAB website and County website and to provide feedback regarding the “user friendliness” of each site.

- VI. Old Business – Stone House Farm- no update

Bluegrass Quarry- Donna Mandl read an email from Bluegrass Quarry with an update on the Quarry's request to extend its blasting area. The County hearing examiner determined that state rules apply to the setback from the Natural Resources District and that county zoning rules apply to the road setback and blasting setback. As a result of the decision, Bluegrass Materials then will pursue the required variances as needed to extend its blasting area.

School Technology – Andrew advised that Board members concerned about school technology are recommended to contact the school board directly.

Traffic/Road Repairs- Andrew read an update from Jeff Stratmeyer- which is listed below:

1. Cool Branch Road Leaning Tree: I drove the road and it appears that an extensive amount of trimming was recently completed. Was the “leaning tree” addressed? If not, could they provide a better location and perhaps a photo of it? I couldn't locate anything really standing out and hazardous.

2. The ponding concerns they expressed across the street from 309 Glenville Road....this is something that we'll have to try to address the next time we do a major resurfacing. There does not appear to be any easy place to outfall the water at this point in time. We will ask our Highways Division to monitor it and apply salt as necessary to try to address any icing concerns. Have them contact Highways directly if it turns into a problem.

3. Jeff has not checked the drainage problem at the sod farm, but will in the next few weeks.

Eva-Mar Development- the project is moving forward.

Master Plan development- Draft plan is scheduled to be completed for review and input January/February 2016. It was suggested that Planning and Zoning consider multiple meetings for review and input of the community.

VII. New Business- Monarch Glen (Cedar Lane/Wheel Road)- discussion of a new townhouse project. Per Andrew a concept plan was submitted to the Development Advisory Committee (DAC) for December 2, 2015.

VIII. The next Board meeting will be January 28, 2016 at Churchville Presbyterian Church.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.